

## AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 776

Sponsor: SENATOR WONDERLING

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1 Amend Title, page 1, line 14, by removing the period after  
2 "duties" and inserting

3 , for death and fetal death registrations and for  
4 reports.

5 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 303), page 1, line 21, by striking out  
6 "(a)"

7 Amend Sec. 1 (Sec. 303), page 2, lines 7 through 20, by  
8 striking out all of said lines and inserting

9 Section 2. Section 501 of the act, amended July 9, 1971  
10 (P.L.213, No.38), is amended to read:

11 Section 501. Death and Fetal Death Registration:  
12 Certificates to be Filed.--A certificate of each death or fetal  
13 death which occurs in this Commonwealth shall be filed within  
14 ninety-six (96) hours after the death or fetal death or within  
15 ninety-six (96) hours after the finding of a dead body or fetal  
16 remains. In every instance, the certificate shall be filed prior  
17 to the issuance of a permit for interment or other disposition  
18 of the dead body or fetal remains. The person in charge of  
19 interment or of removal of the dead body or fetal remains from  
20 the registration district shall file the certificate with any  
21 local registrar or the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, who  
22 shall be authorized to issue certified copies of such death.

23 Section 3. Section 504 of the act, amended October 27, 2006  
24 (P.L.1200, No.129), is amended to read:

25 Section 504. Death and Fetal Death Registration: Permits  
26 Concerning Dead Bodies and Fetal Remains.--No person shall  
27 dispose of a dead body or fetal remains until a local registrar  
28 or the State Registrar of Vital Statistics issues a permit for  
29 disposal. The local registrar or the State Registrar of Vital  
30 Statistics shall be authorized to issue the permit and may issue  
31 blank presigned permits to the funeral director only. The  
32 funeral director or the person in charge of interment or removal  
33 shall, within ninety-six (96) hours after the death or fetal  
34 death or within ninety-six (96) hours after the finding of a  
35 dead body or fetal remains, file with the local registrar a  
36 certificate of death or fetal death.

37 The sexton or other person in charge of any premises in which

1 bodies are interred or cremated shall not allow the interment or  
2 cremation of any dead body or fetal remains unless a permit  
3 issued under this section is presented to the sexton. The sexton  
4 or other person in charge of the premises shall endorse upon  
5 each permit presented to the sexton or other person the date of  
6 interment or cremation, over the sexton's or other person's  
7 signature, and shall return the permit so endorsed to the local  
8 registrar of the sexton's or other person's district or the  
9 State Registrar of Vital Statistics within ten day from the date  
10 of interment or cremation.

11 Section 4. Section 801.1 of the act, amended November 23,  
12 2004 (P.L.909, No.122), is amended to read:

13 Section 801.1. Records: Reports to County Registration  
14 Commissions.--[The department shall report monthly in writing to  
15 the registration commission of each county the deaths of  
16 residents of such counties, except residents less than eighteen  
17 years of age, for the preceding month. Said report shall contain  
18 the full name of the decedent, his or her last address, the date  
19 of his or her birth if available, and the date of his or her  
20 death.] The department shall transmit monthly to the Department  
21 of State an electronic file containing information on all  
22 resident deaths, except residents less than eighteen years of  
23 age, for the preceding month. The electronic file shall include,  
24 at a minimum, the full name of the decedent, gender, last  
25 address, the date of birth if available, county of residence and  
26 the date of death. The Department of State shall enter this  
27 information into the "sure system" as defined in 25 Pa.C.S.  
28 102 (relating to definitions), or a similar successor system,  
29 which shall be used by the county boards of election for the  
30 purpose of purging deceased individuals from their voter  
31 registration rolls.

32 Amend Sec. 2, page 2, line 21, by striking out "2" and  
33 inserting